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Cerritos, CA - Rep. Linda Sánchez visited and toured Long Beach Memorial and Miller Children's Hospital Long Beach today and held a roundtable discussion on healthcare with local doctors, nurses, parents, and patients. Rep. Sánchez toured the Emergency Department, Trauma Unit, Family Resource Center, and Pediatric Perioperative Services.

"The staff at Long Beach Memorial and Miller Children's Hospital Long Beach are impressive, caring individuals," said Rep. Linda Sánchez. "It's amazing to see some of the most advanced technology in the world, like the 'da Vinci Surgical System' being used here in Southern California."

Rep. Sánchez also held a roundtable discussion with doctors, nurses, parents, and patients to talk about healthcare reform and local medical concerns. "All around my district, there are new and disturbing examples of what the future will be like if Congress fails to enact comprehensive health insurance reform this year," said Sánchez. "This hospital is a shining example of what we can do with more resources, quality insurance coverage, and better access."

"We greatly appreciate Congresswoman Sánchez visiting our hospitals to learn more about our programs and listen to our thoughts and concerns," said Diana Hendel, chief executive officer, Long Beach Memorial and Miller Children's Hospital Long Beach. "Her visit was also a welcomed surprise for our staff and patients' families, who enjoyed meeting the Congresswoman."

Ways and Means Committee Member Rep. Linda Sánchez has worked to draft health insurance reform that will shift the power from insurance companies into the hands of consumers by lowering prices, increasing choice, and protecting Americans from abusive insurance company practices.

According to a Washington Post poll released this month, Americans strongly support Congress continuing to work on comprehensive health insurance reform (63 percent support) - including a majority of Independents. The House and Senate continue to work to reach agreement on a health reform package, and President Obama will convene a bipartisan, bicameral meeting on February 25 to move forward with a solution for American Families and businesses.

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